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**MINNESOTA'S JANUARY MILK OUTPUT UP 3 PERCENT**

January 2006 milk production totaled 714 million pounds in Minnesota, up 3 percent from the 695 million pounds produced in January 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised December milk output was 688 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,605 pounds in January 2006, up 95 pounds from last January. The revised December rate was 1,545 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during January 2006 was 445,000 head, the same as December, but down 15,000 from a year ago.

**JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES**

Milk production during January 2006 totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5 percent from January 2005 in the 23 major states. Revised December production for the 23 states was 13.6 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,711 pounds during January 2006, up 68 pounds from January 2005. Revised December output per cow was 1,663 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during January averaged 8.19 million head, up 103,000 head from a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES**

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Jan 2005	Dec 2005 Rev.	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec 2005 Rev.	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec 2005 Rev.	Jan 2006	2006 as % of 2005
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
CA	1,739	1,771	1,772	1,770	1,795	1,825	3,078	3,179	3,234	105
ID	436	472	473	1,830	1,830	1,860	798	864	880	110
<b>MN</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>103</b>
NY	650	650	651	1,535	1,545	1,595	998	1,004	1,038	104
PA	564	557	557	1,540	1,580	1,650	869	880	919	106
WI	1,235	1,239	1,240	1,515	1,550	1,585	1,871	1,920	1,965	105
23 States	8,087	8,179	8,190	1,643	1,663	1,711	13,287	13,599	14,011	105

**MINNESOTA'S 2005 MILK PRODUCTION RISES 1 PERCENT; MILK PER COW RECORD HIGH**

Minnesota's dairy cows produced a record annual average of 18,091 pounds per cow in the year 2005, 592 pounds more than the 17,499 pounds per cow in 2004. The 2005 estimate of milk production is now set at 8,195 million pounds. This was a rise of 1 percent from the 2004 total of 8,102 million pounds.